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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/915,727
Filing Date	July 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Locke
Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	E. Fuller
Attorney Docket Number	CNI-100-C

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

### 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 25-0115
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 750 enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Christopher A. Mitchell	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	40,729
Signature		Date	2-20-03

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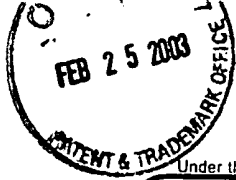
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<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>for FY 2002</b> <small>Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</small>	<b>Complete if Known</b>		
	Application Number	09/915,727	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Filing Date	July 26, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	Locke	
	Examiner Name	E. Fuller	
	Group Art Unit	1762	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>	(\$) <b>1,104</b>	Attorney Docket No.	CNI-100-C

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** (check all that apply)

Check    Credit card    Money Order    Other    None

Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number: **25-0115**

Deposit Account Name: **YOUNG & BASILE, P.C.**

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**FEE CALCULATION** (continued)

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within second month	
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,960	228	980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,280	242	640	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee	
144	620	244	310	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	740	246	370	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	740	249	370	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$750
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid      **SUBTOTAL (3) (\$750)**

**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee	
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee	
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Extra Claims Fee from below      Fee Paid

Total Claims Independent Claims      47      -20\*\* = 15      x \$18 = 270

Multiple Dependent Claims      5      -3\*\* = 1      x \$84 = 84

Multiple Dependent      \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

**SUBTOTAL (2) (\$354)**

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>		<b>Complete (if applicable)</b>	
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Signature		Telephone	734/662-0270
		Date	2-20-03

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Fuller  
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Applicant: Locke et al.

Serial Number: 09/915,727

Filing Date: July 26, 2001

Examiner/Art Unit: E. Fuller/1762

Title: METHOD FOR DAMPING NOISE, VIBRATION AND HARSHNESS OF A SUBSTRATE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In order to place the above-captioned application in better condition for allowance, please consider the following remarks made in connection with the above-captioned application.

I. In The Claims

Please add the following new claims 33-47, as set forth on the following pages.

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02 FC:1202 270.00 OP